

1. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product name **Liberty[®] 200 Herbicide**
Other names None
Product codes and pack sizes 6074471 (20 L), 6036030 (100 L)
Chemical group Glycine / phosphinic acid
Recommended use Selective herbicide in glufosinate-ammonium tolerant crops only
Formulation Soluble concentrate (SL)
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION
EMERGENCY OVERVIEW
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) – NON DANGEROUS GOOD

Hazard classification Hazardous (National Occupational Health and Safety Commission - NOHSC)
Risk phrases R21/22 – Harmful in contact with skin and if swallowed.
 R36 – Irritating to eyes
Safety phrases See Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13
ADG classification Not a “Dangerous good” for transport by road or rail according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.
SUSDP classification (Poison Schedule) Schedule 5 (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/L)
Glufosinate-ammonium	77182-82-2	200
Propylene glycol monomethyl ether	107-98-2	≈ 110
Other ingredients, including water	(non hazardous)	≈ 800

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, immediately contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26), and follow the advice given. Show this Material Safety Data Sheet to the doctor.

Inhalation	If inhaled, remove to fresh air, keep warm and at rest. Seek medical advice if inhaled in large quantities.
Skin contact	Carefully remove contaminated clothing and footwear. Wash affected areas with soap and water. Seek medical aid if symptoms persist.
Eye contact	Rinse eyes immediately with clean water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical aid.
Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical advice, as above.
First Aid Facilities	Provide eyewash and safety shower facilities in the workplace.
Medical attention	<p>Glufosinate-ammonium is a glutamine synthetase inhibitor and can interfere with neurotransmitter function.</p> <p><i>Symptoms</i></p> <p><i>Local</i> – irritation of eyes, skin, respiratory tract</p> <p><i>Systemic</i> - Shivering, cramps, gastrointestinal complaints, hyperthermia, dyspnoea, bradycardia/tachycardia, convulsions, respiratory depression, amnesia, drowsiness and/or loss of consciousness. These symptoms may be delayed from a few hours to up to 48 hours after exposure. Therefore, regardless of the amount ingested, the patient must be admitted to hospital for at least 36 hours and treated immediately as outlined below.</p> <p><i>Treatment</i></p> <p>Emergency measures: Symptomatic treatment and administration of antidotes, decontamination.</p> <p>If ingested, endotracheal intubation and gastric lavage should be performed as soon as possible, followed by administration of charcoal and sodium sulphate solution.</p> <p>Anticonvulsant therapy: Phenobarbital-sodium, 1 mg/kg intramuscularly or subcutaneously until maximum 5 mg/kg daily; when necessary, 10 mg diazepam slowly intravenously. Repeat as necessary until fully sedated.</p> <p>Elimination by dialysis (forced alkaline diuresis) and/or haemo-perfusion. It is essential that this be done soon after ingestion to be effective.</p> <p>ECG (EKG) (electrocardiogram) monitoring</p> <p>EEG (electroencephalogram) monitoring</p> <p>Apply artificial respiration as necessary. If necessary give oxygen.</p> <p>Monitor respiratory, cardiac, central nervous system, electrolyte balance (especially for hypokalemia) and signs of increased intracranial pressure.</p> <p>If a large amount has been ingested, keep under medical supervision for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>Contraindication: Atropine, as glufosinate-ammonium does not inhibit cholinesterase.</p> <p>Recovery is normally spontaneous, usually within 48 hours.</p>

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media	Water fog, fine water spray, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide.
Hazards from combustion products	In a fire, irritant and toxic fumes containing oxides of carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur, and other toxic substances may be generated.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES – continued

Precautions for fire fighters Fire fighters should wear full protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus (AS/NZS 1715/1716). Keep unnecessary people away. If it can be done safely, remove intact containers from the fire. Otherwise, use water spray to cool them. Bund area with sand or earth to prevent contamination of drains or waterways. Dispose of fire control water or other extinguishing agent and spillage safely later.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with the spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Extinguish or remove any sources of ignition. When dealing with spills do not eat, drink or smoke and wear protective clothing and equipment as described in Section 8 – PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away. Prevent spilled material from entering drains or watercourses. Contain spill and absorb with earth, sand, clay, or other absorbent material. Collect and store in properly labelled, sealed drums for safe disposal. Deal with all spillages immediately. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses, etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Keep out of reach of children. Harmful if absorbed by skin contact or if swallowed. Will irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. If product in eyes, wash it out immediately with water. Wash hands after use. After each day's use, wash gloves, face shield or goggles, respirator if worn, and contaminated clothing.

Storage Store in the closed, original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Keep away from all ignition sources. Keep the container tightly closed, and protect from moisture. Do not store in steel or aluminium containers. The product should be stored between 5 °C and 30 °C.

Flammability Not flammable under conditions of use. Not classified as a combustible liquid, as the boiling point (96° C) is less than the fire point (> 96° C). The product does not sustain combustion.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards NOHSC Exposure Standards:
 Propylene glycol monomethyl ether (1-methoxy-2-propanol)
 TLV-TWA 100 ppm, 369 mg/m³
 TLV-STEL 150 ppm, 553 mg/m³

Exposure standard – Time Weighted Average (TWA) means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

Exposure standard – Short term exposure limit (STEL) means a 15 minute TWA exposure which should not be exceeded at any time during the working day.

Biological limit values None allocated

Engineering controls Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use only in well-ventilated areas. If necessary, use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentration below the exposure limits.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION - continued

Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear face shield or goggles • Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and a washable hat. • Wear elbow-length PVC or nitrile gloves. • If working in a poorly ventilated area or if occupational exposure levels are likely to be exceeded, wear a respirator suitable for organic vapours - AS/NZS 1715/1716 approved.
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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Blue to bluish-green liquid
Odour:	Slightly pungent
pH:	5.9 to 7.9
Vapour pressure:	Low
Vapour density:	Not available
Boiling point:	96° C
Freezing/melting point:	Not available
Solubility:	Soluble in water
Specific Gravity:	1.11 at 20° C
Flash Point:	Approx. 60° C (Pensky Martens Closed Cup) N.B. The product does not sustain combustion.
Flammability (explosive) limits:	No data
Fire Point:	> 96° C
Auto-ignition temperature:	440° C
Partition coefficient (octanol/water):	<i>Glufosinate-ammonium</i> : Log P _{ow} = < 0.1 (pH 7, 22° C)

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid sources of ignition and extreme heat.
Incompatible materials	Avoid contact with strong oxidising agents, acids or bases. Ammonia may be evolved in the presence of alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	Ammonia. In a fire, oxides of carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur may be emitted.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled.
Skin contact	Harmful if absorbed by skin contact. Will irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Will irritate the eyes.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

Ingestion Harmful if swallowed. Symptoms of poisoning may include: shivering, cramps, stomach complaints, overheating, breathing difficulty, heart problems, convulsions, respiratory depression, loss of memory, drowsiness and/or loss of consciousness. These symptoms may be delayed from a few hours up to 48 hours after ingestion.

ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA – PRODUCT

Acute:

Oral toxicity LD₅₀ female rat: 1910 mg/kg (*product*)
LD₅₀ male rat: 2170 mg/kg (*product*)

Dermal toxicity LD₅₀ female rat: 1380 mg/kg (*product*)
LD₅₀ male rat: 1400 mg/kg (*product*)

Inhalation toxicity LC₅₀ female rat: 4.31 mg/L (4 hr) (*product*)
LC₅₀ male rat: 3.22 mg/L (4 hr) (*product*)

Skin irritation Slightly irritating (rabbit) (*product*)

Eye irritation Moderately irritating (rabbit) (*product*)

Sensitisation Non-sensitising (guinea pig) (*product*)

Chronic:

In animal studies glufosinate-ammonium showed no teratogenic, carcinogenic, mutagenic or neurotoxic effects.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Glufosinate-ammonium is practically non-toxic to birds, fish, honeybees, earthworms and beneficial insects. It is practically non-toxic to *Daphnia*, but moderately toxic to sensitive aquatic species. It is expected to be slightly to moderately toxic to wild animals. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with Liberty 200 or the used containers.

Ecotoxicity Glufosinate-ammonium:

Fish toxicity: LC₅₀ (96 h) rainbow trout 710 mg/L
LC₅₀ (96 h) carp, bluegill sunfish, golden orfe > 1000 mg/L

Bird toxicity: Eight day dietary LC₅₀ Japanese quail > 5000 mg/kg

Daphnia toxicity: *Daphnia magna* EC₅₀ (48 h) 560 – 1000 mg/L

Algal toxicity: LD₅₀ for *Scenedesmus subspicatus* ≥ 1000 mg/L
LD₅₀ for *Scenedesmus capricornutum* 37 mg/L

Liberty 200 (similar product):

Fish toxicity: LC₅₀ (96 h) rainbow trout 34 mg/L

Daphnia toxicity: *Daphnia magna* EC₅₀ (48 h) 26.8 mg/L

Algal toxicity: LD₅₀ (72 h) for *Desmodesmus subspicatus* 36 mg/L

Environmental fate, persistence and degradability, mobility Glufosinate-ammonium is very soluble in water and is hydrolytically and photolytically stable. It is rapidly degraded in surface levels of soils and in water. This product is considered to be readily biodegradable. The potential for groundwater contamination with glufosinate-ammonium is minimal. Glufosinate-ammonium does not accumulate in the fatty tissues of fish or other animals.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**20 litre pack**

Triple or preferably pressure rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush or puncture and bury empty containers in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and product should not be burnt. Do not re-use empty container for any other purpose. Dispose of waste product through a reputable waste contractor.

100 litre pack

If tamper evident seals are broken prior to initial use then the integrity of the contents cannot be assured. Empty container by pumping through dry-break connection system. Do not attempt to breach the valve system or the filling point, or contaminate the container with water or other products. Ensure that the coupler, pump, meter and hoses are disconnected, triple rinsed and drained after each use. When empty, or contents no longer required, return the container to the point of purchase. This container remains the property of Bayer CropScience Pty Ltd.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	Not applicable
Proper shipping name	Not applicable
Class and Subsidiary Risk	Not applicable
Packing Group	Not applicable
EPG	Not applicable
Hazchem code	Not applicable
Marine Pollutant	No

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1988

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 61965

See also Section 2.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Trademark information Liberty® is a Registered Trademark of Bayer.

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This MSDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this MSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products. If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.

Our responsibility for products sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions, a copy of which is sent to our customers and is also available on request.

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